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SUBJECT: BULGARIAN PLANS FOR TRADE DELEGATION TO US

REF: (A) DEPTTEL 46637

(B) SOFIA' S 320

1. BULGARIAN AMBASSADOR ZDRAVCHEV CALLED AT HIS REQUEST
ON EUR/EE OFFICE DIRECTOR BAKER MARCH 23 TO DISCUSS
PROPOSED VISIT BY DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY
MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE LUKANOV.

2. ZDRAVCHEV SAID GOB ACCEPTED DEPARTMENT' S POSITION
(REF A) THAT PRIMARY EMPHASIS ON VISIT SHOULD BE TRADE
PROMOTION AND THAT TRIP WOULD THEREFORE CONCENTRATE
ON MEETINGS BETWEEN BULGARIAN COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES
AND MEMBERS OF US BUSINESS FIRMS. AT THE SAME TIME,
HOWEVER, LUKANOV WANTED TO MEET WITH USG OFFICIALS,
INCLUDING SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT, IN ORDER TO HOLD
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PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE MATTERS. ZDRAVCHEV
ALSO STATED THAT HE MIGHT SHORTLY BE SENDING TO THE
DEPARTMENT A COPY OF A DRAFT TRADE AGREEMENT WHICH HAD
BEEN PREPARED IN SOFIA.

3. BAKER REITERATED OUR POSITION OUTLINED REF A,
STRESSING TO ZDRAVCHEV THAT IN VIEW OF OUR PREPARATIONS
FOR COMPREHENSIVE TRADE LEGISLATION, WE COULD NOT

ENTER INTO DISCUSSIONS ON A US- BULGARIAN TRADE AGREE-
MENT AT THIS TIME, EEMENT SUCCESSFULLY
NEGOTIATED, AS WELL AS LIKELY MAINTENANCE OF BILATERAL SECURITY
ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN SOVIETS AND OTHER WARSAW PACT MEMBERS.
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